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2156TH AIR RESCUE SQUADRON (TT)
Mobile Training Unit
McCall, Idaho

15 January 1952

SUBJECT: Thorn Creek Installation for 1 May 1952 Occupancy

TO: Colonel Fish
Director of Operations
Air Resupply and Communications Service
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Description

- a. Appendix I, description.
- b. Appendix II, map.

2. Plan.

a. Personnel.

(1) This plan is based on handling ¹²⁰ students per class.

(a) Permanent party.

Instructing staff, permanent 29

Housekeeping troops, permanent

Cooks	3
Mess Sgt	1
Communications	3
Basics	6
Supply	3
Motor Pool	4
Sgt Major	1
Clerk typists	2
Sur Tech Field	2
	<u>25</u>

Total permanent party

25
54

(b) In addition to the above permanent party personnel, the services of a medical officer would be required either on a temporary status during classes or on a permanent status which would be more satisfactory. The addition of an executive officer familiar with this type of work and capable of handling troops and taking over as acting CO is also required. Headquarters ARS have been in the process

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of recalling Capt Benton F. Thompson for just such a slot. The present CO and administrative assistant would remain in place, making a permanent party total of 56.

b. Housing.

- (1) Bldg #1 - Kitchen and mess hall. * A 20 x 40 CC-type building to be built in order to accomodate 200 for messing.
- (2) Bldg #2 - Instructors barracks.
- (3) Bldg #3 - Bath house.
- (4) Prefab buildings. These can be either Jamesway, Quonset, Dallas, or any other suitable type of prefab buildings.

a. Requirements are based on a total of 56 permanent party and housing for 150 students. Measurements are based on Jamesway type of prefab, which come in units of 16 x 16 and can be joined to additional lengths:

- 2 ea - 16 x 48 Classrooms
- 1 ea - 16 x 32 Dispensary
- 8 ea - 16 x 16 Instructors quarters, 4 per unit
- 1 ea - 16 x 48 E & E buildings
- 19 ea - 16 x 32 Student quarters, 8 per unit
(Tentage could be utilized for students during the first summer)
- 1 ea - 16 x 48 Library, dark room and instructors reading room
- 2 ea - 16 x 48 Display and demonstration buildings
- 2 ea - 16 x 48 Supply buildings
- 1 ea - 16 x 32 Communications building
- 2 ea - 16 x 16 VIP buildings
- 1 ea - 16 x 32 Ready room and work shop
- 1 ea - 16 x 32 Parachute packing building
- * 1 ea - 20 x 40 Wood construction addition to present messhall
- * 2 ea - Portable garage and repair buildings capable of housing:
 - 1 - 6 x 6 truck
 - 1 - weapons carrier
 - 1 - snow vehicle(Other vehicles to be stored outside)

* Other than Jamesway buildings.

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- b. A total of 5,000 lineal feet of 2 x 6 fir will be required for foundations for Jamesway type of housing.
- c. Prefab housing should be shipped and received at McCall, Idaho not later than 10 April 1952.
- 3. A complete survey by AIO of the Thorn Creek area and facility is suggested. Detailed drawings and plan layout of present facility are available at U. S. Forest Supervisor's office, McCall, Idaho.

4. Summary.

- a. A directive from Headquarters ARCS to Headquarters 1300th Air Base Wing regarding support and other factors involving this unit is urgently needed.
- b. Logistical support in regard to winter clothing is still poor and is holding up training.
- c. Requisitions for suitable transportation still remain unfilled. Snow vehicles due to reach this unit shortly will relieve much of the problem for the balance of this winter.
- d. The snowfall in this area now stands at 61".

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Appendix I
Appendix II